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Ms. Gena Townsend
Remedial Project Manager
US Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV Atlanta Federal Center
Waste Management Division
Federal Facilities Branch
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Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Interim Record of Decision (IROD) for the Rifle Range Chemical Dump, Site 69 requires annual reporting on the status of Chemical Warfare Material (CWM) present at the site. Records indicate that waste CWM, in this case Test Kits or Chemical Agent Identification Set (CAIS), was buried at the site. The EPA, in their concurrence letter for Site 69 IROD, asked the Base to contact the US Army on an annual basis until work on the CWM at this site has commenced.

Mr. Russell Fendick of the Office of the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization was contacted in November of this year (2003) regarding CAIS remedial options. He stated that, depending on the quantity of CAIS items, Single CAIS Access and Neutralization System (SCANS), a recently approved method for treatment and disposal of CAIS items, could be used to address CWM at Site 69. Due to the fact that SCANS is intended for "small quantities," further investigation at the site and historical records review would be required to quantify the number of CAIS items on-site and insure the method's applicability. If "large quantities" of CAIS items were found, the SCANS method would not be feasible; thus leaving the Base with no immediate viable alternative.

The Army Design Center for Ordnance and Explosives in Huntsville, Alabama has been contacted and is willing to assist the Base in future efforts to more accurately quantify CAIS items on-site. Since the Army will not be contributing funds for this effort, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune Installation Restoration (IR) Program funds would be required. Because there are no fiscal year monies currently available, the IR partnering team will prioritize Site 69 and begin to plan and budget for future activities.

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In the future, we will continue to work with the Army to get this issue resolved and, in accordance with the IROD for Site 69, will continue to annually report the status of CWM to the EPA

If you require additional information, the point of contact is Mr. Rick Raines, Environmental Quality Branch, Environmental Management Division, Installation and Environment Department, at 910-451-9461.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Brewer", with a checkmark at the end.

SCOTT A. BREWER, PE
Director, Environmental Management
By direction of
the Commanding General

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